

5.8 SUPERVISION

- 5.8.1 The ratio of staff to dogs stipulated on your licence must be adhered to and must always be available to exercise and supervise dogs and to deal with emergencies whenever dogs are at the premises. Staff must have relevant experience and must not have any criminal convictions or accepted any Simple Cautions for any animal welfare related offences.
- 5.8.2 Dogs must not be left unattended at any time.
- 5.8.3 An assessment and introduction day must be carried out on all dogs prior to them interacting with the existing day boarders.
- 5.8.4 Only people over 16 years of age are allowed to walk the dogs unsupervised in public places.
- 5.8.5 The staff/licensee of the business must be aware of the location of the dogs on the premises at all times.
- 5.8.6 Children under 5 years of age should not be allowed on the premises.

5.9 EXERCISE

- 5.9.1 Dogs must be exercised in accordance with their owner's wishes. When dogs are taken off the premises, they must be kept on leads unless with the owners written permission.
- 5.9.2 There must be direct access to a suitable outside area. The area / garden must only be for use by the business (not shared with other residents/businesses). The area must be kept clean. If the dogs are exercised off lead in this area it must be totally secure and safe. Any fencing must be adequate to offer security to prevent escape and be safe, with no dangerous sharp objects or protrusions. Gates must be able to be locked.
- 5.9.3 There should be 9.3 square metres (100 square feet) of floor space per dog within the building to ensure sufficient exercise and interaction with the other dogs.
- 5.9.4 If there is a pond at the premises, it must be suitably protected so as to prevent access by dogs.
- 5.9.5 Dogs must wear a collar and identity tag during their time in day care. The tag must display the name, address and telephone number of the day care premises.
- 5.9.6 The Council and the Police shall be informed without delay if a dog is lost. The Council number to call for the dog warden service is 01226 772468 and the Police number is 0114 220 2020.